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Angus Foundation

Supporter Recognition Event in Kansas City celebrates donors who have forged the way for Angus youth, education and research.

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The Angus Foundation hosted its 2014 Supporter Recognition Event Nov. 3 at the Hilton Hotel Kansas City Airport in conjunction with the first-ever Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show. Themed “Lighting the Way,” the event honored Angus Foundation supporters who have contributed \$250 or more during the past fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2013-Sept. 30, 2014).

“This wonderful event is our way of saying thank you to our supporters,”



says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “These are just a few who enable the Angus Foundation to be successful, and, in turn, advance the Angus breed for years to come. Their giving allows us to invest in our mission of education, youth and research. They are shining a light for the Angus breed.”

More than 250 attendees listened to emcees Cory Watt, Iva, S.C., National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) chairman; Will Fiske, Greenville, Va., NJAB Foundation director; and Scott Foster, Niles, Mich., chairman of the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.

Highlights of the event included recognizing, posthumously, Thomas and

Catherine Chambers of Chambers Angus, Ontario, Ore., as Angus Leaders who contributed \$250,000 or more during the fiscal year. Wilma Minix of Black Witch Farm, Athens, Ga.; Robert Funk of Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.; and Charles W. and Judy Herbster of Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb., were honored as Angus Builders who contributed \$100,000 or more during the fiscal year.

Additional highlights from the evening included a special presentation to the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) Steer Carcass Contest winners and recognition of Chairman Foster for his service and leadership on the Angus Foundation Board of Directors.

Because of the generosity of its dedicated supporters, the Angus Foundation announced a

► Left: Joe Bush (at lectern) and his wife, Susanne, inform Angus Foundation supporters of their interest in Angus cattle and the importance of being an American citizen. The Bushs were thanked for their years of military service with a standing ovation from attendees.



► Themed “Lighting the Way,” the event honored Angus Foundation supporters who have contributed \$250 or more during the past fiscal year.



► Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms purchased the final granite planter of the *Building an Angus Legacy!* Project.



► Assistant Director of Events and Education Ashley Mitchell hands out name tags to the event attendees.

Supporters Light the Way

new fiscal year total revenue record of more than \$2.4 million.

Lifetime giving

Featured for the second year was the Lifetime Giving Recognition Program, recognizing supporters with accumulative giving of \$25,000 or more since the organization's inception in 1980.

Those recognized as Lifetime Angus Platinum Benefactors, giving \$25,000-\$49,999, were:

- ▶ Robert and Hollyce Neumeyer of Jaynbee Ranch, Bonners Ferry, Idaho;
 - ▶ American Live Stock Insurance, Geneva, Ill.;
 - ▶ Texas Angus Auxiliary; and
 - ▶ Sysco Newport Meat Co., Irvine, Calif.
- Recognized as Lifetime Angus Patrons, giving \$50,000-\$99,999, were:

- ▶ Bill and Betty Werner of Werner Angus, Cordova, Ill.; and
 - ▶ Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa.
- Lifetime Angus Builders, recognized for donating \$100,000-\$249,999, were:

- ▶ Wilma Minix of Black Witch Farms, Athens, Ga.;
- ▶ Tom and Lois Ames of Spruce Mountain Ranch LLC, Larkspur, Colo.;
- ▶ Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB), Wooster, Ohio; and
- ▶ Dwight "Kip" Palmer of Palmer Foods Service/G&C Foods, Syracuse, N.Y.

Recognized as a Lifetime Angus Leader, donating \$250,000-\$499,999, was:

- ▶ Robert Funk of Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla.

Lastly, Thomas and Catherine Chambers of Chambers Angus, Ontario, Ore., were



▶ Col. Clint Hunter of Missouri auctions off the final granite planter for \$32,000 and wall paver for \$8,000, which are displayed at Association headquarters as a part of the *Building an Angus Legacy!* project. Ground pavers in two sizes are still available to purchase.



▶ Scott Foster (left), Angus Foundation chairman, shakes the hand of Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president, as he receives a gavel in recognition of his dedication for the past year as chairman of the Angus Foundation Board.



▶ Chase Monte, owner of the 2014 NJAS Carcass Steer Contest grand champion steer, shakes the hand of Curtis Long, NJAS Carcass Steer Contest sponsor.



▶ Will Fiske, Foundation chairman for the National Junior Angus Board (NJAB) and co-ecmee, communicates to supporters the role the Angus Foundation has played in his life as a junior member and on the NJAB.



▶ Cory Watt, chairman of the NJAB, expresses his gratitude for the supporters of the Angus Foundation whose contributions have helped him meet his goals.

recognized posthumously at the Lifetime Angus Visionary level of giving, having donated \$500,000-\$999,999 to the Angus Foundation.

Comprehensive lists of Lifetime Giving and annual supporters of the Angus Foundation are included in the Angus Foundation's *2014 Annual Report*, which was distributed as an insert in the December *Angus Journal*.

In a special presentation through the Angus Foundation's planned giving program, the Angus Legacy Society, Joe and Susanne Bush of J&S Ranch, Gatesville, Texas, announced the Angus Foundation as the primary charitable beneficiary of their estate, formally bequeathing their ranch and other significant assets to the Angus Foundation. Proceeds will establish the Joseph and Susanne Bush/J&S Ranch Scholarship and Junior Activities Endowment Fund, supporting Angus youth undergraduate scholarships and junior activities.

To conclude the event, the Angus Foundation auctioned the *Building an Angus Legacy!* final No. 4, limited-edition granite planter. Purchased for \$32,000 by Curtis and Ann Long of Briarwood Angus Farms, Butler, Mo., the exquisite engraved planter is beautifully displayed at the entrance of the American Angus Association headquarters building at Saint Joseph, Mo.

Doug and Sharon Stevenson of Basin Angus, Joliet, Mont., purchased the final wall paver for \$8,000. It is also displayed at the entrance.

For more news from the Angus Means Business National Convention & Trade Show, visit the newsroom at www.angusconvention.com. Full coverage of the event was included in *The Angus Report* premiered Nov. 17.

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Angus Builders



► **Left:** The Talon Ranch, Twin Bridges, Mont., receives the Angus Builder award. Pictured are (from left) Scott Foster, Angus Foundation chairman; Phil Trowbridge, accepting the award on behalf of the late Camron “Cam” Cooper of the Talon Ranch; and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.



► **Right:** Charles and Judy Herbster of Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb., receive the Angus Builder award. Pictured are (from left) Foster; and Ed and Mandy Raithel of Herbster Angus Farms, accepting the award.



► Wilma Minix of Black Witch Farm in Athens, Ga., receives the Angus Builder award. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Steve Pass, accepting the award; and Jenkins.



► Bob Funk of Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., receives the Angus Builder award. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Jarold Callahan, Express Ranches president, accepting the award; and Jenkins.

Angus Leader



► The late Thomas and Catherine Chambers of Chambers Angus, Ontario, Ore., received the Angus Leader Award. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Rod Wesselman, estate executor, accepting the award; and Jenkins.

Lifetime Angus Platinum Giving Level of \$25,000-\$49,999:



► **Left:** The Texas Angus Auxiliary was honored for reaching the Lifetime Angus Platinum Giving Level. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Barbara Ettredge, Texas Angus Auxiliary representative; and Jenkins.



► **Right:** Sysco Newport Meat Co. was honored for reaching the Lifetime Angus Platinum Giving Level. Pictured are (from left) Foster; John Stika, Certified Angus Beef LLC president, accepting the award; and Jenkins.

Lifetime Angus Patron Giving Level of \$50,000-\$99,999:



► Bill and Betty Werner of Werner Angus, Cordova, Ill., were honored for reaching the Lifetime Angus Platinum Giving Level. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Phil Trowbridge, accepting the award; and Jenkins.



► **Left:** Trans Ova Genetics, Sioux Center, Iowa, was honored for reaching the Lifetime Angus Platinum Giving Level. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Diane Broek and Mark Allan of Trans Ova Genetics, accepting the award; and Jenkins.

Lifetime Angus Builder Giving Level of \$100,000-\$249,999:



► Wilma Minix of Black Witch Farm, Athens, Ga., was honored for reaching the Lifetime Angus Builder Giving Level. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Steve Pass, accepting the award; and Jenkins.



► Certified Angus Beef was honored for reaching the Lifetime Angus Builder Giving Level. Pictured are (from left) Foster; John Stika, Certified Angus Beef LLC president, accepting the award; and Jenkins.



► Palmer Food Service/G&C Foods of New York receives the Lifetime Angus Builder Giving Level award. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Dwight “Kip” Palmer, CEO; and Jenkins.



► Milford Jenkins explains that supporters of the Angus Foundation help “light the way” in youth, education and research.

Lifetime Angus Leader Giving Level of \$250,000-\$499,999:



► Bob Funk, Express Ranches, Yukon, Okla., was honored for reaching the Lifetime Angus Leader Giving Level. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Jarold Callahan, Express Ranches president, accepting the award; and Jenkins.

Lifetime Angus Visionary Giving Level of \$500,000-\$999,999:



► The late Thomas and Catherine Chambers, Chambers Angus, Ontario, Ore., were honored for reaching the Lifetime Angus Visionary Giving Level. Pictured are (from left) Foster; Rod Wesselman, estate executor, accepting the award; and Jenkins.

Special Announcement

► **Right:** Joe and Susanne Bush of J&S Ranch, Gatesville, Texas, announced the Angus Foundation as the primary charitable beneficiary of their estate. Pictured are (from left) Scott Foster, Angus Foundation chairman; Cory Watt, NJAB chairman; Bryce Schuman, American Angus Association CEO; Will Fiske, NJAB Foundation chairman; Susanne and Joe Bush, receiving their Angus Legacy Society recognition plate; Gordon Stucky, 2014 Association president; and Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president.

